Mountains to Sound Collaborative:
Education Pilot Program

The Stillaguamish Tribe, Snohomish Conservation District, WSU Extension, and Sound Salmon Solutions are creating a comprehensive pilot program for fourth graders that provides place-based ecosystem, watershed and stormwater programming to school districts and communities in the Stillaguamish Watershed.

Project Objectives
- Establish integrated, year-long classroom and field curriculum to emphasize stormwater and ecosystem lessons, building on existing Puget Sound stormwater, Puget Sound and salmon-focused lessons already being taught by each partner.
- Increase 200 Fourth graders’ knowledge and level of caring about nearby ecosystem resources, wildlife and stormwater pollution issues facing Puget Sound.
- Share curriculum and resources with teachers in workshop with teachers in summer 2018.

How we’re doing it
We will recruit eight fourth grade classes in the Stillaguamish Watershed. Each class will participate in at least 4 classroom lessons, one Puget Sound nearshore field trip, and one culminating service learning school activity by December 2018.

WHY IS THIS ISSUE IMPORTANT
There is no coordinated effort to leverage our resources and provide an integrated stormwater, wildlife and ecosystem-focused education program for students, teachers and their families.

What We Are Asking of Teachers
Each of the eight participating teachers are required to commit to a minimum number of classroom and field trip activities by November 2018 and assist with evaluation efforts and collection of any needed permission forms. All teachers will schedule sessions with the partners. Limited bus stipends are available.

About the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians
Today, the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians, a sovereign, federally recognized native tribe, is committed to serving our members, preserving our culture, and continuing the stewardship of our native lands.